

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

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**BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

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**DESCRIPTION OF SELECTED EMBODIMENTS**

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Referring to Figure 1, this illustrates a known turbocharger as disclosed in US patent number 5,044,880. The turbocharger comprises a turbine stage 1 and a compressor stage 2. The turbine stage 1 is a variable geometry turbine comprising a turbine housing 3 defining a volute or inlet chamber 4 to which exhaust gas from an internal combustion engine (not shown) is delivered. The exhaust gas flows from the inlet chamber 4 to an outlet passageway 5 via an annular inlet passageway 6 defined on one side by a radial wall 7 of a moveable annular member 8, referred to herein as a nozzle ring, and on the other side by a facing radial wall 9 of the housing 3. An array of nozzle vanes 10 extend through slots in the nozzle ring 8 across the inlet passageway 6 from a vane support ring 11 which is mounted on support pins 12 11a. The arrangement is such that the degree to which the vanes 10 extend across the inlet passageway 6 is controllable independently of the nozzle ring 8 and will not be described in detail here.

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It will be appreciated that modifications may be made to the embodiments of the invention described above. For instance, if only one seal ring is required as for example in embodiment of Figures 8 2a and 2b, and this is located on the nozzle ring, then there will be no need to provide aperture 32 in the inner flange of the nozzle ring. Similarly, if there are both inner and outer seal rings located in the housing, it will be necessary to provide bypass recesses in both the inner and outer